

REMARKS:

Claims **1-21** were examined in this reissue application. No new matter has been introduced.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Double Patenting

In response to the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer and fee to overcome the cited patent 6,270,846. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection based on US 6,270,846 is now moot.

Oath/Declaration

Claims 1-21 were rejected as being based on a defective reissue oath under 35 USC 251. A supplemental oath per 37 CFR 1.175 is provided herewith that states that all of the errors corrected that are not covered by a previously filed oath arose without deceptive intent. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot in light of the supplemental oath.

CONCLUSION:

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants submit that all claims are allowable over the cited art and define an invention suitable for patent protection. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Office enter the amendment, reconsider the application, and issue a Notice of Allowance in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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